

Amendments to the Specification

In accord with 37 CFR 1.121(b), please amend the Specification by substituting the following amended paragraph for the same numbered originally filed paragraph. The identifying numeral "95" has been added to facilitate identification of the bottom 95 of the cuvette magazine.

[0035] As seen in the bottom view of cuvette magazine 82 in FIG. 10, a flat pad 92 is formed at the lower extremity of each chute wall 89, except for the two chute walls 89 on the sides 81S of storage cell 81 where a flat ledge 93 about half the size of pad 90 protrudes therefrom and into the interior space of the respective two storage chutes 88. Again, a reaction cuvette 24 may also be seen in dashed lines as disposed within a storage chute 88 and prevented from falling out of storage chute 88 by flat pads 92 and flat ledges 93. Only a single flat pad 92 and flat ledge 93 are shown in dashed lines in FIG. 9 for purposes of simplicity in the drawing. As best seen in FIGs. 7, 8 and 11, the front and back curved surfaces 81F and 81B of storage cell 81 do not extend to the bottom 95 of cuvette magazine 80 so that a number of cuvette ejection openings 80E are formed at the front surface 81F between chute walls 89. FIG. 11 illustrates how a reaction cuvette 24, in dotted lines, may be held between two chute walls 89 and flat pads 92 and flat ledges 93, as well as illustrating how a reaction cuvette 24 may be freely displaced or ejected from cuvette magazine 80 through ejection openings 80E formed at front surface 81F.